

- (i) 50% of the applicable customs duty for consumer goods and
- (ii) 25% concession for the rest of the items. India has received concession of 10% of applied tariff on 204 tariff lines at 6 digit level from Bangladesh, which include agricultural products, organic and inorganic chemicals, leather, wood and wood products, paper, metal etc.

4. For Pakistan, India has granted tariff concessions in respect of 375 tariff lines at 6 digit level, which include agricultural products, inorganic/organic chemicals,

articles of wood, stone, automobile products etc. While a concession of 10% of applied tariff has been given for a majority of items, a concession of 15% apply for a few tariff lines. Pakistan has granted in return, tariff concession of 10% of the applied tariff in respect of 230 tariff lines at 6 digit level to India, which include vegetable products, inorganic/organic, chemicals, plastic & rubber articles, articles of wood, paper, base metal, industrial machinery etc.

5. During the 5th meeting of the India-Bangladesh Joint Economic Commission held in New Delhi on 10-12 March 1997, both sides reviewed the status of trade and economic cooperation between the two countries. During the discussions, agreements were reached on the following :

- (i) The following additional routes would be used for both exports and imports :
 - A. Haldibari-Chhilahati,
 - B. Ghojadanga-Burimari,
 - C. Barsora-Cherragaon,
 - D. New Jalpaiguri-Tentulia,
 - E. Jalabazar-Betuli-Fultala.
- (ii) A Group of Experts to be set up to examine and make recommendations on issues such as points of entry, list of tradeable produce, terms of payments, quantitative limits and customs and immigration modalities.

[Translation]

**Integrated Handloom village
Development Scheme**

*386. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :

DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages covered under the Integrated Handloom Village Development Scheme so far, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have received more proposals from various State Governments for inclusion of more villages under the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the number of schemes cleared on the basis of proposals submitted by the State Governments during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) :

(a) Altogether 188 number of projects have been sanctioned under the Integrated Handloom Village Development Scheme since the inception of the Scheme in 1991-92. A list of projects sanctioned State-wise is given in the attached statement.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Central assistance for Projects under the Integrated Handloom Village Development Scheme is sanctioned on the basis of viable project proposals received from the State and UTs. Altogether, 81 such proposals were received during the current financial year from States. Out of these, 51 Projects have been sanctioned to 8 States. 23 projects have been sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh, 14 for Assam, 1 for Gujarat, 3 for Kerala, 1 for Karnataka, 3 for Manipur, 3 for Orissa and 3 for Tripura. 15 proposals comprising 11 proposals from Assam, 1 from Madhya Pradesh and 3 from Orissa have been recently received. The remaining 15 proposals have not been sanctioned since these did not fulfil the criteria of the Scheme.

(d) Altogether 105 proposals have been sanctioned under the Integrated Handloom Village Development Scheme during the last three years i.e. from 1993-94 to 1995-96.

Statement

S.No.	Name of State	No. of Projects
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	44
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—
3.	Assam	38
4.	Bihar	2
5.	Delhi	—
6.	Gujarat	5

1	2	3
7.	Haryana	—
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	—
10.	Kerala	9
11.	Karnataka	3
12.	Madhya Pradesh	10
13.	Maharashtra	2
14.	Meghalaya	2
15.	Manipur	10
16.	Mizoram	3
17.	Nagaland	—
18.	Orissa	17
19.	Pondicherry	—
20.	Punjab	—
21.	Rajasthan	2
22.	Sikkim	—
23.	Tamil Nadu	13
24.	Uttar Pradesh	15
25.	Tripura	9
26.	West Bengal	3
Total		188

[Translation]

National Textiles Corporation

*387. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ CHIKHALIA :
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the working of textile mills running under National Textile Corporation has improved due to the participation of the workers in management;

(b) if so, the number of such mills in which the workers have participation in management;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce participation of workers in the all mills of National Textile Corporation;

(d) whether there is any representation of workers

at the level of Board of Directors in the National Textile Corporation;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) :

(a) to (c) Presently Workers participation in management has been effected in 84 out of 120 mills of NTC. Efforts are on to cover the remaining mills, where the progress is slow on account of multiplicity of trade unions and inter-union and intra-union rivalrise. The work culture and industrial relations have improved on account of workers' participation which has had a positive impact on the working of the mills. However, on account of factors like obsolete machinery, severe working capital crunch, etc. these mills have not been able to improve their overall performance.

(d) to (f) The Board of Directors of NTC and its subsidiaries are constituted as per the Articles of Association and the guidelines issued by the Government. Out of the 9 subsidiary corporations of NTC, NTC (BAB&O) Ltd. has on its Board of Directors a trade Union leader nominated by the Government of West Bengal.

[English]

Regional Rural Banks

*388. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :
SHRI K. PRADHANI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Regional Rural Banks that are running at profit and also those which are running at loss during the last three years, till date; and

(b) the steps being taken to make Regional Rural Banks effective and profitable ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) As reported by National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD), the details of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) which are running in profit and those running in loss during the last three years are as follows :-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Number of RRBs in profit	Profit during the year	Number of RRBs in loss	Loss during the year
1993-94	23	2190.79	173	38886.31
1994-95	32	2895.82	164	42321.37
1995-96	44	4238.25	152	46796.56
				Data provisional